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Chairman and Committee Members,

I rise in opposition against House Bill 484 because once again of Management operations of the Bill.

In Section 1, Section 81-2-120, it says a plan approved by the governor, and then lists options for the governor. Then In section 2 87-1-216 line 13 it strikes out the provision 81-2-120 and gives the primary authority to the department of livestock to regulate Wild Buffalo and Wild Bison.

Also Section 8 Section 87-2-730, it gives Department of Livestock the authority to issue Special Wild Buffalo or Wild Bison License which to my understanding would not be approved unless the governor had it in his plan or gave direct authority.

In House Bill 484, who really is managing the Buffalo and is it a conflict of interest Management?

The Lame Bull Treaty passed between Piegiens, Bloods, Gros Ventres, Blackfeet, Nez Perces, Assinboines, Flathead and Cree with the United States gives Hunting rights and rights for common hunting grounds.

Article 5 Which would be violated because it talks about disturbing the game (Buffalo, Wild Bison, or Wild Buffalo) in the provision.

Article 7 Is the provision which the United States is hereby bound to protect, Treaty Indians against depredations and other unlawful acts which white men residing in or passing through their country may commit.

The United States in the Constitution which every State has adopted, it clearly states that the state courts will follow them.

I feel the tribal governments in my opinion have kept their part in the treaty but have had no part in decision making of this bill and House Bill 484 would be unlawful because all parties were not consulted.

- I do believe that if the all decision makers were brought to the table that a Management of Wild Buffalo and Wild Bison plan could be developed. When only one party is brought to the table, this not the meaning of agreement.

agreement 1) n. any meeting of the minds, even without legal obligation. 2) in law, another name for a contract including all the elements of a legal contract: offer, acceptance, and consideration (payment or performance), based on specific terms

I strongly encourage this committee to table House Bill 484 and let all parties sit down after this session and come an agreement.

I am tired of talk that comes to nothing. It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and all the broken promises. There has been too much talking by men who had no right to talk.

• *It does not require many words to speak the truth.*

~ Chief Joseph: Nez Perce 1840-1904, Nez Percé Indian chief